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SUBJ: DAOUD-BHUTTO MEETING

REF: KABUL 96

1. IN CALL POL COUNSELOR MADE ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (AFGHANISTAN) MANSUR AHMED JANUARY 6, BEFORE REFTEL RECEIVED, AHMED DESCRIBED AS "VERY BAD" AFGHAN SPOKESMAN'S REACTION TO BHUTTO INVITATION TO PRESIDENT DAOUD AND MAINTAINED THAT GOA ALLEGATION THAT NO SUCH INVITATION HAD BEEN FORMALLY ISSUED WAS UNWARRANTED. INVITATION, HE SAID, HAD BEEN SENT THROUGH AFGHAN CHARGE' HERE, WHICH WAS NORMAL METHOD "USED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO INVITE SHAH OF IRAN". AHMED, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO DUTY AND SAID HE WAS STILL NOT ALTOGETHER READ UP ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, DID NOT MENTION LEAK PROBLEM AND POL COUNSELOR, AT THAT POINT UNAWARE OF ITS IMPORTANCE AS
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BASIS OF FLAP, DID NOT EITHER.

2. IN DISCUSSING MATTER, WHICH OBVIOUSLY RECEIVING TOP LEVEL GOP ATTENTION--MEETING WAS DELAYED BY SUMMONS TO MANSUR AHMED FROM MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED AND WAS INTERRUPTED BY LONG AND URGENT PHONE CALL FROM SOMEWHERE ON HIGH--MANSUR AHMED TOOK LINE THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN ISSUED IN GOOD FAITH FOLLOWING EVIDENCE RECEIVED FROM PAK AMBASSADOR TO KABUL AND OTHER (UNSPECIFIED) SOURCES THAT GOA HAD ADOPTED A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE IN ITS APPROACH TO PAKHTUNISTAN ISSUE AND WAS NOW MAINTAINING THAT IT HAD NO TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST PAKISTAN NOR SEEKING FURTHER DISMEMBERMENT OF COUNTRY. IF MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE, AND AHMED OBVIOUSLY THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE DENOUEMENT OF ADVERSE AFGHAN REACTION ON INVITATION ISSUE, BLAME WOULD REST WITH KABUL.

3. WE EXPECT TO HAVE MORE ON MATTER IN NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS AS PAKS WORK UP THEIR CONSIDERED REACTION TO AFGHAN CHARGES, AND WILL UNDERTAKE ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE THIS LATEST, UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT AT THAT TIME.
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